

SINGING CUES FOR TRANSITION TIMES

Hello! We often use 'singing cues' to help the children understand and accept what is going to happen next. As you can see we have got songs for different activities. Maybe you could adapt some of them to use at home. The only rule is, be consistent, choose your words and tune and stick to it!

- To turn take

My turn your turn we can share
My turn your turn then it's fair.
Have a turn it's fun to do
Then it's time for someone new.
My turn your turn we can share
My turn your turn then it's fair.
(*Twinkle Twinkle Little Star*)

This is a great song to teach turn taking. Perhaps your child is playing with a favourite toy and someone else wants a turn. Sing this song and at the end say, "A's turn has finished, now it's B's turn"
Encourage your child to hand over the toy (you may have to do it for them) and then sing the song again. When the song is finished the turn is over and the toy is handed back to the first person and so on.

- To come to group work activity

Come and see what's on the table,
Come and see what's on the table,
Come and see what's on the table,
See what's here today.
(*In and out the dusty bluebells*)

- To come to good morning time

Happy to see you here today,
Happy to see you here today,
Happy to see you here today,
Come and say hello.
(Here we go round the mulberry bush)

- To leave circle

Who's sitting still?
Who's ready to go?
----- is sitting,
----- can go.
(Oranges and lemons)

- To go and put coats on

Now it's time to put your coats on and line up,
Now it's time to put your coats on and line up,
Now it's time to put your coats on,
Time to put your coats on,
Now it's time to put your coats on and line up.
(She'll be coming round the mountain)

- To line up by the door

We're going for a run,
We're going for a run.
All standing by the door,
We're going for a run.
(A hunting we will go)

- To come inside from running

If you're happy and you know it walk inside,
If you're happy and you know it walk inside,
If you're happy and you know it,
And you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know and you really want to show it,
If you're happy and you know it walk inside.

- To walk to mainstream nursery(and back to classroom)

This is the way we walk along,
Walk along,
Walk along,
This is the way we walk along,
To see our friends in the nursery.(To have a snack in the nursery)
(Here we go round the mulberry bush)

- To come in from outside play

Now it's time to come inside,
Come inside,
Come inside,
Now it's time to come inside,
Hang your coat up.
(London Bridge is falling down)

- To tidy up, or pick something up from the floor

Now it's time to put it back, (pick it up)
Put it back,
Put it back,
Now it's time to put it back,
Thank you everyone. (Or child's name.)
(London Bridge is falling down)

- To use the toilet

Come and use the toilet
Come and use the toilet
Now it's time for
To come and use the toilet
(The Farmer's in his den)

I have put the tune that we use under each song. If you are not sure of the tunes, they can all be found on YouTube.

Let us know how you get on.

